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SUBJ: YUGOSLAVS CRITICIZE SALZBURG VERDICTS

1. TWO RECENT SALZBURG TRIAL DECISIONS HAVE DRAWN HEAVY CIRITCISM FROM YUGOSLAV PRESS. ON APR 23THREE PERSONS ACCUSED OF ASSISTING 1972 USTASHI ATTACKS IN YUGOSLAVIA WERE GIVEN THREE-YEAR SUSPENDED SENTENCES. ON VERY NEXT DAY, SALZBURG COURT GAVE SAME SENTENCE TO REINHARD KANONIER, A 26 YEAR OLD STUDENT ACCUSED OF DISRUPTING THE SPRING 1974 NEONAZI HIEMATDIENST MEETING IN SALZBURG.

2. TANJUG TERMED FIRST (USTASHI) VERDICT "INCOMPREHENSIBLE", IN LIGHT OF STRONG PROSECUTION CASE, AND APR 24 POLITIKA AND VJESNIK RAN EDITORIALS WHICH ARGUED THAT USTASHI TRIAL WAS A FARCE, A CLEAR VIOLATION OF AUSTRIA'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION TO DISBAND FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS. AN APR 24 TANJUG RELEASE ON USTASHI AND KANONIER TRIALS NOTED WITH CONSIDERABLE SARCASM THAT NEITHER TRIAL WOULD BE ENTERED AS "A PROUD MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF (THE SALZBURG) COURT."

3. COMMENT: YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO DISPLAY OUTRAGE AT WHAT THEY FEEL TO BE THE TWIN SINS OF AUSTRIA: LENIENCY TOWARD ANTI-TITO ELEMENTS AND INDIFFERENCE TO MINORITY RIGHTS.  
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